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Operational/GROUNCE/GROOVY

Wartime Operational Program

Reference: RAVA-4421, dated 6 October 1953

1. Your clear and thorough presentation of an extended wartime operational program in Austria has been received, and presents a commendable effort.

2. For the most part we are in agreement with program proposals; however, we do feel that clarification and discussion are necessary on the following points:

- a. Para 3d of ref: With the exception of the GRDACKER organization, we agree. However, your assumption as to the probability of non-immediate group action does not seem to take into consideration the expressed plans of GRDACKER 1 which call for immediate mobilization and action upon hostilities of numerous union members. Since operational areas have been designated, caches placed and plans made, and, as far as we know, GRDACKER 1's concepts and intentions remain unchanged, we believe that GRDACKER should not yet be placed in the "reasonable risk" category.
- b. Para 4 of ref: We suggest that the GROOOND project outline remain unchanged until we submit the FY 1955 operational programming (2 - 5 months). We believe that GROOOND as it is written now does not substantially limit or interfere with your proposals; a delay in amendment will not only point out exact changes needed as the situation develops but also will enable us to write any necessary changes first into the programming, then as a formal amendment to the project outline.
- c. Para 5a of ref: Approval of GRDACKER agent training was forwarded to the field per RAVW-2290.

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4. Para 5b of ref: In reference to military U/T requirements, please see EAVN-2403 (TS 92220) for Headquarters views as to suitable guerrilla areas; in conjunction with U/T sabotage requirements and future agent training, it would be advisable to accelerate development of the proposed GRDASSER sabotage "apparat".
5. Para 7 of ref: With the exception of GRALMED, we encourage the recruitment of one or two additional, compartmented organizers for each segment of the line (re GRREPAIR: EAVN-2406, EAVN-461). Development along these lines offers a better possibility of having at least one organizer available for duty during wartime.
6. Para 9 of ref: We concur with the plan to recruit and train special, high-level "leadership type" agents. In conjunction with this (re para 7b (3)), we are advised by Headquarters EUCUS that there is no KUSLIS policy that would prohibit U/T instruction of such agents.
7. Ref 2024: While normal KUSLIS procedure is to issue U/T sets only against approved projects, it is possible also to draw sets for such operations as "blind" burials. However, GRDASSER is an approved project and, per the GRDASSER KUSLIS annex, is authorized 24 U/T sets and 12 circuits; therefore, these sets and circuits may be expended and the annex may be amended later to procure any additional sets and circuits necessary for continuation of this operation.

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